

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Daniel Kaufman  
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Dear Mr. Kaufman:

On 25 July 2019, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your letter dated 18 July 2019 seeking a status update concerning your Freedom of Information Act request. We previously and appropriately referred you to the FBI in a correspondence letter dated 18 December 2018 and stated that the case cited in your letter has been closed.

You provided some information as to why you believe the CIA would have records on a domestic event. However, the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency is primarily concerned with foreign intelligence -- not domestic -- matters. Section 103 (d)(1) of the National Security Act, as amended, specifically provides that "the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal security functions." Executive Order 12333, which regulates the conduct of intelligence activities in the United States and elsewhere, provides that the responsibility for domestic intelligence collection is generally within the province of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A very limited exception to the Order is provided that permits other agencies within the Intelligence Community to collect significant foreign intelligence and counterintelligence, provided that no such effort shall be undertaken for the purpose of acquiring information about the domestic activities of United States persons. Therefore, we declined to process your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator